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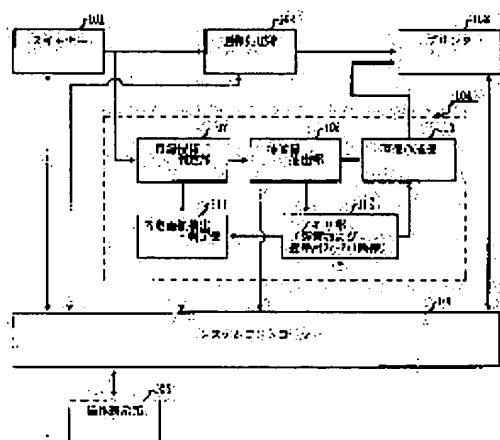
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(54) IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To prevent copying, transfer or storage or the like for a copy inhibited document by adding registration information to an original and allowing a scanner to read the original when a specific image is registered so as to surely discriminate the copy inhibit document.

CONSTITUTION: When a specific image is registered, the specific image such as a confidentiality seal stamp or a copy inhibit mark is stamped or described on a copy inhibit document and a scanner 101 is used to read the original. A registration information discrimination means 107 discriminates whether or not registration information representing the registration of the specific image is in existence in the read image data. When the presence of the registration information is discriminated, an extract section 108 extract feature amount from image data read by a registration means 104 by using the read means 101. Then the feature amount is registered in addition to a storage means 109 as the specific image. Thus, a confidentiality seal stamp or a copy inhibit mark is registered freely for each user as the specific image. Thus, the copy inhibit document is surely discriminated and copying, transfer or storage or the like for a copy inhibited document is prevented.



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